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KIDNAPPINGS OF FOREIGN NATIONALS IN LEBANON

According to DS/TAD records, at least 88 non-Lebanese nationals have been kidnapped in Lebanon since January 1984. One Bulgarian, one Libyan and two Romanians may also be missing. Anglican Church envoy Terry Waite is presumed to be a hostage. The breakdown by nationality is as follows:

American	25	Saudi	3	W. German	2	Jordanian	1
French	19	Canadian	2	Austrian	1	S. Korean	1
British	11	Cypriot	2	Dutch	1	(Bulgarian)	1
Soviet	4	Irish	2	Indian	1	(Libyan)	1
Swiss	4	Kuwaiti	2	Iranian	1	(Romanian)	2
Egyptian	3	Spanish	2	Italian	1		

A total of 57 hostages have escaped or been released. Twenty-six hostages are still missing, and five have been killed.

Missing	Confirmed Dead*
11 American	1 American
6 French	2 British
3 British	1 Dutch
2 W. German	1 Soviet
1 Irish	
1 Indian	
1 Italian	
1 S. Korean	

*Those hostages confirmed dead are: Kilburn (US), Padfield (UK), Douglas (UK), Kluiters (DUT), and Katkov (USSR). The executions of Buckley (US), Collett (UK), McCarthy (UK), and Seurat (FR) have been announced, but are considered unsubstantiated.

Non-Lebanese Kidnappings by Claimant Group

A relatively small number of groups have claimed a majority of the kidnappings. The Islamic Jihad Organization (IJO) has claimed 26 kidnappings, the largest claimed by any one group. Several of the IJO claims, however, have later been denied and some have been accompanied by claims from other groups.

ISLAMIC JIHAD

American	10
French	8
British	2
Saudi	1
Irish	1

ISLAMIC LIBERATION ORGANIZATION

Soviet	4

LEBANESE ARMED REVOLUTIONARY FACTION

French	1

ISLAMIC JIHAD FOR THE LIBERATION OF PALESTINE

American	3
Indian	1

REVOLUTIONARY ORGANIZATION OF SOCIALIST MUSLIMS

British	1
Irish	1

REVOLUTIONARY JUSTICE ORGANIZATION

French	6
American	2

ARAB COMMANDO CELLS

British	3

The names of all the kidnap victims are listed below.

Missing:

American (11)

ANDERSON, TERRY AP Bureau Chief, kidnapped on March 16, 1985. Claimed by Islamic Jihad.

BARSOUMIAN, HAGOP LEVON Naturalized U.S. citizen, kidnapped January 31, 1986.

BUCKLEY, WILLIAM Embassy Political Officer, kidnapped on March 16, 1984. Claimed by Islamic Jihad. Buckley's captors announced that he had been executed in October 1985. No body was found.

CICIPPIO, JOSEPH Comptroller at the American University of Beirut, kidnapped on September 12, 1986. Claimed by the Revolutionary Justice Organization.

POLHILL, ROBERT Professor at Beirut University College, kidnapped on January 24, 1987 with 3 other professors. Claimed by the Islamic Jihad for the Liberation of Palestine.

REED, FRANK Principal of Lebanese International School, kidnapped September 9, 1986. Claimed by Islamic Jihad. IJO statement later denied credit.

STEEN, ALAN Professor at Beirut University College, kidnapped on January 24, 1987 with 3 other professors. Claimed by the Islamic Jihad for the Liberation of Palestine.

SUTHERLAND, THOMAS Professor at the American University, kidnapped on June 9, 1985. Claimed by Islamic Jihad.

TRACY, EDWARD AUSTIN Publisher, kidnapping claimed by the Revolutionary Justice Organization on October 21, 1986.

TURNER, JESSE Professor at Beirut University College, kidnapped on January 24, 1987 with 3 other professors. Claimed by the Islamic Jihad for the Liberation of Palestine.

WAREH, FAIK Syrian-American businessman, reported missing on June 29, 1986 and presumed kidnapped.

British (3)

COLLETT, ALEC Information consultant for the U.N. Relief and Works Agency, kidnapped on March 25, 1985 by the Revolutionary Organization of Socialist Muslims (ROSM). On April 17, 1986 ROSM said it had executed Collett in retaliation for the U.S. strike on Libya. An inconclusive videotape allegedly showing the hanging was sent to a Beirut newspaper on April 23. No body has been found.

MCCARTHY, JOHN Journalist with Worldwide Television News of Britain, kidnapped April 17, 1986. The Arab Commando Cells claimed to have executed him on April 18 in retaliation for the bombing of Libya. No body was found.

WAITE, TERRY Envoy of the Archbishop of Canterbury sent to Beirut to negotiate the release of foreign hostages, disappeared January 20, 1987 and presumed kidnapped.

French (6)

AUQUE, ROGER Photo journalist, kidnapped in West Beirut on January 13, 1987.

CARTON, MARCEL Chief of Protocol at the French Embassy, kidnapped on March 22, 1985. Claimed by Islamic Jihad.

FONTAINE, MARCEL Vice-Consul, kidnapped on March 22, 1985. Claimed by Islamic Jihad.

KAUFFMANN, JEAN-PAUL Journalist, kidnapped on May 22, 1985 with Michel Seurat. Claimed by Islamic Jihad.

NORMANDIN, JEAN-LOUIS Television Crew Member, kidnapped on March 8, 1986 with three other journalists. Claimed by the Revolutionary Justice Organization.

SEURAT, MICHEL Researcher, kidnapped on May 22, 1985 with Jean-Paul Kauffmann. Claimed by Islamic Jihad. On March 5, 1986, the IJO announced that Seurat had been executed. No body was found.

Indian (1)

SINGH, MITHILESHWAR Professor at the American University of Beirut, kidnapped on January 24, 1987 with 3 other professors. Claimed by the Islamic Jihad for the Liberation of Palestine. Holds U.S. green card.

Irish (1)

KEENAN, BRIAN Teacher at the American University of Beirut, disappeared and believed to have been kidnapped on April 11, 1986.

Italian (1)

MOLINARI, ALBERTO Businessman, Disappeared and believed abducted on September 11, 1985

South Korean (1)

CHAE SUNG DO Diplomat--Second Secretary, kidnapped on January 31, 1986. Claimed by the Green Brigades and and the Fighting Revolutionary Cells.

West German (2)

CORDES, RUDOLPH Executive with Hoesht pharmaceutical company, kidnapped on January 17, 1987.

SCHMIDT, ALFRED Engineer with Siemans electrical company, kidnapped on January 20, 1987.

Kidnapped but No Longer Held

American (14)

ABDULLAH, BAHIGE NEHME Businessman with dual Lebanese-American nationality, kidnapped on February 9, 1987. Released on February 10, 1987. (CONFIDENTIAL)

CRONIN, JOHN ROLFE Student at American University of Beirut, held November 17-21, 1984. (CONFIDENTIAL)

DONAHUE, STEVEN Drug smuggler reportedly working undercover for DEA, kidnapped on December 21, 1985. Released on July 1, 1986.

FINK, MICHAEL GSO employee of the Embassy, held for one day on February 7, 1984. (CONFIDENTIAL)

GLASS, CHARLES Free-lance journalist and former reporter for ABC News, kidnapped on June 17, 1987 along with Ali Usayran, son of the Lebanese Minister of Defense, and their Lebanese driver. The two Lebanese were released on June 24, 1987. Glass reappeared in West Beirut on August 18, 1987 claiming to have escaped his captors.

HILGENDORF, DENNIS Director of Resource Center for the Handicapped, held for one day on February 6, 1985. (CONFIDENTIAL)

JACOBSEN, DAVID Administrator of the American University Hospital, kidnapped on May 28, 1985. Claimed by Islamic Jihad. Released on November 2, 1986.

JENCO, LAWRENCE Catholic Priest with Catholic Relief Services, kidnapped on January 8, 1985. Claimed by Islamic Jihad. Released on July 25, 1986.

KILBURN, PETER Librarian at the American University of Beirut, kidnapped on or about December 1, 1984. Claimed by Islamic Jihad. His body was found in Beirut on April 17, 1986 with the bodies of two British hostages.

LEVIN, JEREMY CNN Bureau Chief, kidnapped on March 7, 1984. Claimed by Islamic Jihad. Released/Escaped on February 14, 1985.

MILROY, MICHAEL GSO employee of the Embassy, Held for one day on February 7, 1984. (CONFIDENTIAL)

REGIER, FRANK Professor at American University of Beirut, kidnapped on February 10, 1984. Claimed by Islamic Jihad. Released on April 15, 1984.

SEIKALY, JACK Businessman with dual Lebanese-American nationality (protect), kidnapped on February 7, 1987. Released on February 10, 1987. (CONFIDENTIAL)

WEIR, BENJAMIN Presbyterian Minister, kidnapped on May 8, 1984. Claimed by Islamic Jihad. Released on September 14, 1985.

Austrian (1)

ZNIDARIC, GEORGE Austrian Ambassador, kidnapped and released on June 7, 1985.

British (8)

DOUGLAS, LEIGH Professor of Political Science at the American University of Beirut, kidnapped on March 28, 1986 with Philip Padfield. Claimed by the Arab Commando Cells. Killed April 17, 1986 along with Peter Kilburn in retaliation for the U.S. bombing of Libya.

PADFIELD, PHILIP English teacher. Kidnapped on March 28, 1986 with Leigh Douglas. Claimed by the Arab Commando Cells. Killed April 17, 1986 along with Peter Kilburn in retaliation for the U.S. bombing of Libya.

HIRST, DAVID Reporter for the London Guardian, abducted on September 26, 1986, but managed to escape.

LEVICK, BRIAN Executive with the Coral Oil Company, kidnapped on March 15, 1985. Claimed by Islamic Jihad. Released on March 30, 1985.

MAGRATH, AMANDA Teacher, kidnapped on September 26, 1985. Released on October 8, 1985.

MOSS, HAZEL Bar Manager, kidnapped on September 26, 1985. Released on October 8, 1985.

NASH, GEOFFREY Metallurgist for the Industry Institute, kidnapped on March 14, 1985. Claimed by Islamic Jihad. Released on March 27, 1985.

WRIGHT, JONATHAN Reuter correspondent, kidnapped on August 29, 1984 in the Biqa Valley. Released on September 21, 1984.

Canadian (2)

BURKHOLDER, ROBERT Administrator with the Menonite Central Committee (a relief agency), kidnapped and released on August 8, 1985 in Nabatiyah.

GALLAGHER, PETER Director of the U.N. Relief and Works Agency (UNRWA) in Lebanon, kidnapped and released on June 7, 1985.

Cypriot (2)

TIRKAS, PANAYOTIS Student at American University of Beirut, kidnapped April 28, 1986. Released June 21, 1986.

YANNAKIS, STAVROS Student at American University of Beirut, kidnapped April 28, 1986. Released June 21, 1986.

Dutch (1)

KLUITERS, NICHOLAS Jesuit Priest, kidnapped on March 14, 1985 in the Biqa Valley. Claimed by the Vengeance Party. Found dead on April 1, 1985.

Egyptian (3)

ABBAS, DAIFULLAH MOHAMMED Employee of Egyptian Interests section at the French Embassy, kidnapped and held briefly (probably a case of mistaken identity) on December 23, 1985.

BAYYOUMI, HUSSEIN Employee of Egyptian Interests section at the French Embassy, kidnapped and held briefly (probably a case of mistaken identity) on December 23, 1985.

SAYED, ABDEL-HAMID Employee of Egyptian Interests section at the French Embassy, kidnapped and held briefly (probably a case of mistaken identity) on December 23, 1985.

French (13)

BRIAN, MICHEL Teacher, kidnapped April 8, 1986. Claimed by the Islamic Organization--Seffine. Rescued on April 11, 1986 by either the Syrians or a group of Lebanese hunters.

CORNEA, AUREL Television Crew Member, kidnapped on March 8, 1986 with three other journalists. Claimed by the Revolutionary Justice Organization. Released on December 24, 1986.

COUDARI, MARCEL Disappeared in February 1986. The Revolutionary Justice Organization claimed his kidnapping on September 24, 1986. He was released with Sontag on November 11, 1986.

DUPUY, JEAN-CLAUDE Teacher, kidnapped and released on March 28, 1985. Possibly a case of mistaken identity.

HANSEN, GEORGES Television Cameraman, kidnapped on March 8, 1986 with three other journalists. Claimed by the Revolutionary Justice Organization. Released on June 20, 1986.

JOUBERT, CHRISTIAN Architect for a Sunni charitable foundation, kidnapped on February 15, 1984. Released with American Frank Regier on April 15, 1984.

KAHN, JEAN-FRANCOIS Journalist, kidnapped and Released on July 23, 1985 along with a group of other French journalists.

PEREZ, DANIELLE Secretary at the French Embassy and daughter of Marcel Carton, kidnapped on March 22, 1985. Claimed by Islamic Jihad. Released on March 31, 1985

PEYROLLES, GILLES SIDNEY Director of French Cultural Institute, kidnapped in Tripoli on March 25, 1985 by the Lebanese Armed Revolutionary Faction. Released on April 2, 1985.

ROCHOT, PHILLIPPE Television reporter, kidnapped on March 8, 1986 with three other journalists. Claimed by the Revolutionary Justice Organization. Released on June 20, 1986.

SONTAG, CAMMILLE Retired car dealer, kidnapped on May 7, 1986. Claimed by the Revolutionary Justice Organization. Released on November 11, 1986.

SROUSSI, JEAN Free-lance cameraman, kidnapped on September 28, 1986. Escaped a few days later.

VALANTIAN, ROBERT Teacher, kidnapped and released on March 28, 1985. Possibly a case of mistaken identity.

Iranian (1)

YOGHOBZADEH, ALFRED Iranian-born resident of France and photographer for SIPA News Agency, kidnapped on June 27, 1985 and released on August 16, 1985.

Irish (1)

WALSH, AIDAN Deputy Director of the U.N. Relief and Works Agency (UNRWA), kidnapped on May 15, 1985. Claimed by Islamic Jihad and the Revolutionary Organization of Socialist Muslims. Released on May 16, 1985.

Jordanian (1)

ABU-KHAJIL, TAWFIQ Honorary Sri Lankan Consul in Jordan, kidnapped at Beirut airport and held for two days on January 7-9, 1987.

Kuwaiti (2)

AL-BADR, MISHARI
AL-BADR, MARZOUK Sons of the Press Counselor, kidnapped on February 11, 1984. Released on February 12, 1984.

Saudi Arabian (3)

AL-ASSIRI, KHALID Businessman, kidnapped January 26, 1987. Claimed by "Partisans of the Islamic Jihad."

FARRAJ, HUSSEIN Consul General, kidnapped on January 17, 1984. Claimed by Islamic Jihad. Released on May 20, 1985.

DAMANHOURI, BAKR Diplomat, kidnapped January 12, 1987. Released on March 18, 1987.

Soviet (4)

KATKOV, ARKADY Cultural Attache, kidnapped on September 30, 1985 along with the Soviet embassy doctor. Claimed by Islamic Jihad and the Islamic Liberation Organization. He was apparently executed by his captors and found dead on October 2, 1985.

MIRIKOV, VALERY Commercial Attache, kidnapped on September 30, 1985 along with Oleg Spirine. Claimed by Islamic Jihad and the Islamic Liberation Organization. Released on October 30, 1985.

SPIRINE, OLEG Diplomatic Attache, kidnapped on September 30, 1985. Claimed by Islamic Jihad and the Islamic Liberation Organization. Released on October 30, 1985.

SVIRSKY, NIKOLAI Embassy doctor, kidnapped on September 30, 1985 with ARKADY KATKOV. Claimed by Islamic Jihad and the Islamic Liberation Organization. Released on October 30, 1985.

Spanish (2)

ARISTEGUI, PADRO MANUEL Spanish Ambassador to Lebanon, held overnight on October 10-11, 1984.

SANCHEZ, PEDRO Embassy security officer, kidnapped along with two Lebanese co-workers, Eid and Gaspar Abdo on January 17, 1986. Claimed by the Black Flags group. All three were released on February 19, 1986.

Swiss (4)

JAQUEMET, STEPHAN Red Cross representative to Lebanon, kidnapped on August 19, 1985 on the coast road between Tyre and Sidon. Released on August 20, 1985.

PETITMERMET, DANIEL Red Cross delegate, kidnapped on November 20, 1985 on the coast read near Tyre and released seven hours later.

WEHRLI, ERIC Charge D'Affaires, kidnapped on January 3 1985 and released on January 8, 1985.

WETTACH, PIERRE Red Cross delegate, kidnapped on November 20, 1985 on the coast road near Tyre and released seven hours later.

Possibly Missing:

Bulgarian (1)

Bulgarian Commercial attache reported kidnapped on November 24, 1984. Name and present status unknown.

Libya (1)

A-TARABULSI, ABD AL-BASIT Diplomat--Member of Peoples Bureau, allegedly kidnapped on March 16, 1985. Present status unknown.

Romanian (2)

Two unidentified foreigners were reported kidnapped on January 23, 1987. There was speculation that they might be Romanian. No further information was received.

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